

Shaftolt

BEECHCROFT,
CAMDEN PARK,
CHISLEHURST.

My dear Sir.

19th Jan'y 1883

With reference to my annular
condenser, I should like to know
whether you allude to the original
glass ring - or the subsequent set
of sphero-annular condensers. Because
I should be very sorry to stir up again
any old sores or ill-feelings that was
certainly ripe some time ago.

I entertain a very high regard for
Wenham & high opinion of his
talents: but even he felt annoyed
at my introduction of the sphero-annular
at the time - as it interfered with his
Parabolic silvered reflector - since changed to

glass in consequence you see all were
both running in almost parallel lines,
& I look upon the present glass parabolic
condenser as the outcome of both our
efforts. Now Wenham has been very
badly used in my opinion & I should not
like to have anything done that
would tend to make him think I wanted
to detract one atom from his merit -
on the contrary I cannot so strongly
express my appreciation of all he has
done for the microscope.

You will therefore perceive that if you
allude to the glass ring  of which
this is a section first introduced, I am
willing to accede to you with - but
if you mean the sphero-annular, I think
it better to pass the matter by -

I began this note on 19th but was interrupted & could not
resume until a day 22nd. - please excuse the delay.

I shall be most happy to see you at Chichester
when convenient to you - but cannot urge you to come
just now as the weather is very unfavorable - & the whole
neighbourhood one mass of mud - in the early spring we
may be better off & there will be something to see and
of course.

As to microscopic work - I do literally none -
I have no energy left. With kind regards

Faithfully yours

Geo: Haebler

John Gay Cray

SHADBOLT, George

A. L. S. dated Jan. 19, 1883